

COUNTRY East Germany

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1. During the period from 4 a.m. on 7 October to the morning on 8 October 1952, the troops stationed at the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse were entrained at the Altstaedtischer railroad station in Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23). During the period from morning until 3 p.m. on 7 October, 6 heavy guns each with a track-laying gun barrel trailer, 6 gun carriages each with a prime mover, 47 trucks with 5 field kitchens, 1 ambulance, 2 sedans, 3 jeeps, 11 prime movers each with a trailer and 5 van-like trucks

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Between 9 and 11 p.m. on the same day, 9 guns each with a gun barrel trailer and prime mover, 9 gun carriages each with a prime mover, 23 trucks, including 2 field kitchens, 2 van-like trucks and 5 prime movers with trailers left the barracks installation. On 8 October, 3 guns, each with a gun barrel trailer and a prime mover, 3 gun carriages, each with a prime mover, 10 trucks, including a field kitchen, 2 prime movers with trailers, all with covered trailers left the installation during the period from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. All trucks were loaded with firewood, coal and bulleting equipment. The personnel of all three units totaled at least 1,500 soldiers and were organized into small groups of up to 60. The troops wearing coats and equipped with blankets, rifles, steel helmets and gas masks marched from the installation to the railroad station. At 9:30 a.m. on 8 October, the installation was apparently vacant.

2. On 6 October, the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse was lighted except for one building. The troops who occupied the installation belonged to a unit which had previously been stationed there. A total of 78 officers left the installation for the officers' club.

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3. On 30 September, the unit destined for the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse was unloaded at the Altstaedtischer Bahnhof. Trucks, AA guns and personal wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia were debarred. Twenty to 30 trucks and several field kitchens which were in operation were

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later seen on the east side of the barracks installation. Several tanks were erected near the main gate on 4 October. The barracks installation was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.²

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4. On 2 October, 4 T-34/85 tanks which source believed came from the Pionier Kaserne on Einstein strasse practiced in the Ardo area. Personnel wearing bordered black epaulets with tank insignia [redacted] were seen in the barracks yard.³

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5. On 2 October, at least 2 buildings of the Flak Kaserne on Ladeburger Strasse were occupied. Source noticed that 2 x 37-mm AA guns were emplaced in a random section of the installation. About 15 soldiers were [redacted] in aiming and crank wheel exercises with each gun. Seven trucks [redacted] were in the barracks yard.²

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25X1₁. [redacted] Comment. Another source reported that, on 7 and 8 October 1952, 24 guns of the 124th Hvy How Art'y Bn (US) were entrained from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne. [redacted] Source of this report probably informed [redacted] to see that troops departed and, therefore, observed only 13 guns. According to the reference report, the units of the brigade went to Dessau to participate in the fall maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army.

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[redacted] Comment. Since early October 1952, the Flak Kaserne can be carried occupied to capacity by units of the Third Gds Army AT Art'y Bn. Several sources have observed the return of units of the brigade since 30 September.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Elements of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div had returned to the Pioneer Kaserne in Brandenburg from Letzling Heath prior to 27 September 1952. [redacted]

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